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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
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FOR: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.